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TALK OF REBUILDING IT

veral Men Express Cratification wer the Calamity for Some Reason-The Dangerous Standing Walls Are Torn Down.

Missoula, July 13.—No more disastrous calamity has visited this city in years than the destruction by fire of the partially completed depot building the Northern Pacific at this place. of incendiaries there is no longer any doubt. Within five minutes preceding the discovery of the fire there were at least four men who saw the building and all of them state that there was no fire there then. The building was in a condition where an ordinary fire would not have burned quickly. The heavy rain of the forenoon and the thorough wetting that it received at the time of the warehouse fire Thursday night would make it difficult for a fire that was not started deliberately and with preparation to make any rapid head-way. Thursday night when the roof caught fire, the blazes made slow progress. Had it burned with half the energy that the fire of yesterday after-noon did, the building would have been destroyed at that time. As it was, the firemen had time to get it out before any damage was done and that when the building was dryer than it was yesterday. There is but one conclusion to be drawn from this and that is that some miscreant did the work and did it deliberately and thoroughly. That he made a good job of it there is no doubt in the mind of any one who has seen the ruins or who saw the blaze. It was the hottest and quickest blaze that the local department ever had anything to do with. It was absolutely impossible to save it. The whole building in less than two minutes was all in flames that were mounting hundreds of feet into the air. No fire that had no combustibles other than wood to feed could have burned as this

As to the motive that any man could have had for such a deed there is no clue. It may have been one who had a grudge against the contractor, whose loss is so serious, or it may develop that the deed was inspired by some other motive. When the fire the other night was in progress there was more than one man in the crowd who expressed the hope that the depot would burn at that time. As is well known, here has been a great deal of feeling in some quarters about the removal of the depot from its present site and it has been binted that the fire may is unreasonable to think that any of the men who opposed the change would attempt to find revenge in a manner so The real cause of the fire and the motive of the incendiary probably will never be known. One thing is certain, there are some characters in Mis-soula who must be driven out of the city if it is possible. A man who will do any such despicable deed as this is not fit to live in a civilized community. He is not a safe man to have around The police and other officers ought to spare no effort to ferret out the mystery of the fire and to bring him to a edy punishment. he fire has cast a gloom over the

whole community and has aroused the to a realization of the serious danger that they are in with such a desperate character in the city. No place is safe from his deadly work and if it is possible to find him, no expense or time ought to be spared to bring him to justice. There is some detective work now going on and it is probable there will be other and private detectives on the case. It is necessary that there shall be speedy justice meted out to him if he is found that an example may be made of him. The new depot promised to be an ornament to the city. It was the handsomest depot on the line of the road, except the ones at the terminals. The people were looking forward to its completion with pleas ure and there had been many plans made to make the building of real ben-efit to the city. That is all over now and if the man is found it will go hard

There have been no new developments in the case to-day. It is not probable that the railroad company will put any detectives on the case. There is no doubt whatever that the fire was of incendiary origin, as the nature of the blaze was such that it could not have originated from other sources In the city there are many men, however, who have to-day expressed gratification over the dire calamity, even though it is one of the severest blows that has fallen upon the city in all its history. There has been some talk of rebuilding the depot by popular sub-scription. It is not likely that this plan will meet with support enough to make it practicable. In another week the work of completing the building would have been commenced and the railroad company was preparing to start on the rearranging the yards.

G. W. Dickinson, general manager of the west end of the Northern Pacific, who is in town to-day, said this morning to a Standard reporter: "The rail-road company had planned to spend about \$8,000 on the new yards. which were to be arranged to conform with the new arrangement of the buildings. It is not probable that this will be done now. I am very sorry that the fire ocbenefit to the town."

The standing walls of the burned have nearly all fallen as far down as the first story. Some of the dangerous portions that remained and the tall chimney were knocked down to-day by the firemen.

MISSOULA NEWS.

Missoula, July 13.-A warranty deed was filed to-day with the county clerk, transferring from Thomas H. Corbet and wife to Alexander Rhone, lots 10 12. block 10, Knowles addition.

The consideration named was \$850.

The sheriff has filed a certificate of sale in the attachment suit of Mironnel Clayberg & Gunn vs. Mrs. Gleim. The property sold is the Gleim place est Front street and Main street and the purchaser was the firm that The sum paid was \$449.05. The amount of the suit was for attor- you try it on?"

ney fees in the state against Mrs. Gleim for blowing up the house of Bobby Burns

Sam Garrick is the father of twins

that arrived to-day.

Prof. H. M. Hamill, chief organizer of the World's Sunday School union, will conduct two services to-morrow at the Christian church. He will speak on advances of Sunday school methods and will address a mass meeting of the

Sunday school workers of all the

churches at 4 and 8 o'clock p. m. The funeral of Arnold Heimbaugh was held this afternon under the auspices of the Masons. It was largely attended by the friends of the deceased who was one of the most popular men in the local railroad service.

ABOUT KEROSINE.

It Is by Being Brushe! Into a Mad Whiri That It Becomes Light Colored.

From the Chicago Tribune. How many housekeepers, as they fill their lamps with kerosene oil or their summer stoves with gasoline, have any idea how these oils are made? And yet a few miles from Chicago, at Whiting, Ind., is the largest oil refinery in the world.

Everyone knows that in its crude state the oil comes out of the earth, but it would be an utterly useless discovery were it not for the brains and money used in the refining of the raw material. By use of the brains and money, however, not only the clear oil, but several other products are drawn from the crude material.

Naphtha, benzine, gasoline and kerosene, the last often called coal or illu-minating oil, belong to the same fam-ily. The three first named being lighter oils, do not require nearly so much handling to bring them to perfection as the kerosene. This, of course, is easy to believe, but when it is said that from the same crude oil, after all the lighter oils have been distilled out, wax is made so closely resembling the product of the bee as to deceive even an expert, and that it is used in chewing gum factories, candle factories, laundries and even in candy factories, one is often met with a polite look of doubt or an incredulous shrug of the shoul-ders. Yet it is so. It is possible to go yet further and say that hundreds of homes in Whiting and in Chicago have been made comfortable this winter by the refuse that adheres to the bottom and sides of the "stills" after even the wax has been pressed out. This refuse makes a good coke, is easily lighted and is warmer, cleaner and cheaper than coal. Hundreds of tons are re-moved from the stills daily before they are "charged" again, and hundreds of those who use this fuel do not know that it was once crude oil, dug in the Ohio fields and piped on to Whiting. The carbon used in electric lights is also made from this coke. Nothing is

is perhaps the most interesting of the products. After leaving the crude stills it appears again in the "sweetening or in the compound cylinders, which perform the same work as the sweetening stills, but is a newer invention and is patented by an outsider, who allows only 40 in each refinery. The "sweeteners" form an important factor in the refining of Ohio oil. Owing to the "compound" before men-tioned, and the continuous friction of the immense wire brushes which keep the oil in a mad whirl, it loses much of its bad color. It is again vapored off, cooled in the condenser boxes and passed off into the "steam stills" for the next process.

wasted.

In the steam stills it is treated just the same as in the two previous processes, with the addition of a washing by steam from perforated pipes pass-ing through it. It is "vapored" off as before, and now one would suppose that it was ready for use. Not quite, The kerosene oil now passes into the agitator for the final process. The agitator is a funnel-shaped tank in which the oil is treated with acid and beaten and blown about by a machine called a blower, and washed by torrents of water till it roars like the lake in a storm. Every particle of foreign matter is thus expelled. It is then pumped off into the storage tanks for ship-

A Dozen Conundrums,

From Facts and Fancy. What is that which no one wishes to have and no one wishes to lose? A hald head. Why is a gate post like a potato?

Because they are both put into the ground to propagate.

Why are coals in London like towns given up to plunder? Because they are scacked and burned. Because they

What is that which is often brought to the table, always cut and never eat-A pack of cards.

What moral lessons does a weathercock on a church steeple continually inculcate? 'Tis vane to a spire. Why shouldn't a boy throw dust into his teacher's eyes? Because it may oc-

casion harm to the pupil. What are the most unsociable things in the world? Mile stone for you never

see two of them together.

What is that which Adam never saw,
never possessed and yet gave two to
each of his children? Parents. Why is a restiess man in bed like a lawyer? Because he lies on one side,

then turns around and lies on the Why is chicken ple like a gunsmith's Because it contains fowl-in

is a clergyman's horse like a Because he is guided by a minking?

What word may be pronounced quicker by adding a syllable to it?

A Gifted Genlus.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal. The new reporter had admitted that his knowledge of newspaper work was slight, but as the staff was short he was taken on. That he was a good man he showed that evening in a style

peculiarly his own.

He had been taking a late supper at an all-night restaurant, and some little controversy arose while he was there. Grasping at once the fact that this was a news item, he stopped not to witness the trouble, but rushed to

"Say," gasped he, out of breath, "there's a man trying to kill the waiter at the Australian restaurant. You'd better send a reporter over there right away."

Fi is a Long Felt Want. From London Fun.

She-"What have you got there, George?

He-"Oh, it's the new adjustable engagement ring-fits and finger. I have found a neat thing, I assure you. Will

REMARKABLE ANCHOR

Once Belonged to Columbus, But Now in a Museum in Chicago.

LAY IN THE WOODS 400 YEARS

Saved From the Wreck of the Santa Maria in 1492, and Left Among the .ndians - How It Was Identified and Secured.

Copyright 1896 by the Bacheller Syndicate Some years ago I was commissioned to investigate ail the places connected with the advent of Columbus into the history of America, in order to procure a series of photographs for exhibition in the great Columbian exposition; and in pursuance of this idea I visited, not only all the scenes of his adventurous voyages, but also those of his earlier life in Spain. The discovery, however, which gave me the greatest pleasure, and which I consider the most import-ant, consists in the old anchor—now in the Field Museum at Chicago-which, I have every reason to believe, was once carried at the bow of Columbus' flag

ship, the Santa Maria. It had been conveyed to me by a learned Spanish physician of Santo Domingo that there was an anchor extant, on the coast of Hayti, which came across the Atlantic with Columbus when he made his first voyage to America. I was at first skeptical, but upon investigation became convinced of the truth of the physician's statement. Τρ show how we reasoned, from an old anchor which had lain hundreds of years in the woods, back to the time of Columbus and his caravels, it is necessary briefly to review the course of that first voyage along the coast of Hayti.

After Columbus had discovered the first land in the Bahamas, and had coasted a portion of the north shore of Cuba, he made a bold push across the wide channel and sighted the mountains of Hayti.

The natives, who thronged to the shore in great numbers, were still living in a state of primeval savagery, but were—if we may believe the state-ment of Columbus himself—simple and good-hearted, and accorded to the strangers a hearty welcome. The three vessels of Columbus sailed slowly from port to port, everywhere joyously entertained by the happy Indians, un-til, on the eve of Christmas, 1492, they approached the province belonging to a powerful Indian chieftain or cacique called Guacanagarl. His territory embraced what is now known as Haytian, on the north coast of Hayti, and extended for a long distance inland. He had sent messengers of wel-come to the Spaniards, and was awaiting their arrival. But unfortunately, just as the flag ship, the Santa Maria, was rounding the point into the har-bor she struck on a reef and began to

She went to the bottom; but owing to the active cooperation of the In-dian chief, who set out on a large fleet of canoes, everything on board was saved, even to the last bit of iron. Amongst these things, as is recorded in the journal of Columbus, was the ship's anchor. The wreckage was all taken to the village of Guarico, be-longing to Guacanagari, where it was stored, and over it a guard was

Columbus then had but two vessels left-two small caravels in which to perform the return voyage to Spain. As these vessels would be overcrowded if all the crew returned, he called for volunteers to remain until he could revisit Hayti the following year. A fort, called Navidad, was built, and the volinteers were established therein; and after cautioning them to remain at peace with the natives Columbus sailed on the homeward voyage. He returned the following year, but found the fort in ruins and the men all massacred. Thus it came to pass that the anchor was left with the Indians.

With these historic data in my pos-session, and guided by a map of the locality. I went in search of the an-chor; finding it within a mile or so of the site of Guarico, Guacanagari's village. The Indians of Hayti, as history tells us, were long ago exterminated, not even one descendant remaining of those found here by the first discoverers. In their place, the negroes whose ancestors were first imported from Africa as slaves, now possess the fair island, one of the most beautiful on the

globe. The anchor in question was claimed by a black man on whose estate it then lay, and it was only after long negotiation, and with exceeding difficulty, that I secured it. Of its identity there is no reasonable doubt. The fact that it had the shape of the anchors carried by vessels in the sixteenth century; that it was forged by hand, being of hammered iron; with the circumstances of its location, proved it to be the same mas morning, 1492. It had been car-ried a short distance from the original place of deposit; but was still not far from the site of Guarico, where the Indian chieftain entertained Columbus with profuse hospitality. No trace re-mains of the town nor of the fort erected by Columbus, but their sites have

been identified. Ater I had purchased the anchor from its negro owner I had it shipped on board steamer for New York, whence it was sent to Chicago and exhibited in the convent of La Rabida, along with other relies of Columbus and his time. Perhaps some of my readers may have seen it there; at all events, those curious to examine it, have only to visit the Columbian Museum at Chicago, where it now re-poses. Fred A. Ober.

No Joke for the Joker.

The practical joker was sauntering along in the dusk. The inoffensive citizen was sauntering along in the same dusk, unmindful of the presence of the practical joker. The practical joker, recognizing a friend in the inoffensive citizen, chuckled to himself and quickened himself to overtake him.

The inoffensive citizen was thinking of as tory he had read about footpads and wondering whether anyone would ever try to hold him up. The parctical joker suddenly tipped the inoffensive citizen's hat over his eyes. The inof-fensive citizen wheeled instantly and landed a fine, large blow between the practical joker's eyes. The practical joker went down. The inoffensive citizen promptly sat on him and hit him again. The practical joker yelled: "For heaven's sale, don't hit me again, John! Don't you know me? The inoffensive citizen said: "Great

The practical joker said, in an injured tone: Hang it all, John it's only The inoffensive citizen looked at the

Scott!

practical joker, who had now one eye closed, and laughed. The practical joker angrily asserted that it was no

laughing matter. to see the point of it to this day. Still, it was unquestionably a good joke.

From the Somerville Journal. The similarity between Popocatapetl and prohibition Maine consists in the fact that in either place it is easy to

find the crater.

In Dresden, Germany, a tax of one mark on each house cat has been imposed. There would be a good many marks on each house cat in this country if every bootjack hit.

The man who waits for the wagon

would get there quicker, sometimes, if he expended a little energy and walked. Bicycles all look alike-until after

you have bought a cheap one.

There is one advantage about the mantel bed. Even the timidist old maid doesn't have to look to see if there is a Detroit's system of street car trans

fers is so complete that a man can ride 35 miles on the street cars there for 3 cents. Most men wouldn't do it, how ever, for \$3.

politics for the last week that women have actually had to read books. A newspaper reporter always likes to meet the man who says: "I saw you had that item about Johnson in the pa-per this morning. I meant to come around and tell you that two weeks

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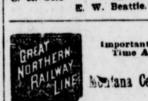
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